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For: MINERAL STAINS FOR WOOD AND OTHER SUBSTRATES

### RESPONSE

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002 and the interview of June 18, 2002,  
kindly amend the application as follows:

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##### In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice.

Kindly rewrite claims 7 and 8 in independent form as follows:

7. (Amended) A method for treating a wood substrate comprising the steps of:
- (a) contacting a surface of a wood substrate with a first formulation comprising a metal salt and a solvent,
  - (b) penetrating the surface of the wood substrate with an effective amount of the first formulation to penetrate the wood substrate, and sequentially

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